

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 10, 2005 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W110 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Ann Evans, Co-chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Mr. Daniel Becker
Mr. Randy Hughes representing
 Mr. J. Stephen Fletcher
Rep. David Litvak
Mr. Richard Siddoway
Dr. Gary Wixom

Members Absent:

Rep. John Dougall, Co-chair
Sen. David L. Thomas
Mr. J. Stephen Fletcher
Mr. Martin Frey

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cassandra N. Bauman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Rep. Dougall, Mr. Fletcher, and Mr. Frey were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Becker moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Technology Cluster Report

Dr. Greg Jones, State Science Advisor, gave a presentation on the progress of the technology cluster programs under development in Utah. He responded to questions from the Commission.

3. Four-Year BioTechnology Program Update

Dr. Tamara Goetz, InnovaBio Program, Salt Lake Community College, explained the progress of developing a new four-year program in state universities for a biotechnology major, as discussed in the May 31, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Wade A. Hull, Vice President of Engineering, ZARS Inc., presented "Biotechnology Presentation to the Utah Technology Commission." He responded to questions.

Mr. W. Tim Miller, President, Echelon Biosciences Inc., presented "UTC Meeting." He responded to questions.

Chair Evans requested that the presenters and commission members review and make recommendations on the (1) type of individuals or representatives to be members of a biotechnology task force, (2) possibilities for utilization of space at the Salt Lake Community College innovation campus, (3) specific

issues the Legislature should address, (4) implementation of training for the type of regulatory environment involved, and (5) availability of research dollars for this program.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to send a letter to the Board of Regents to request the development of the four-year biotechnology degree at Salt Lake Community College. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Salt Lake Community College, expressed her support and enthusiasm for the program.

Dr. Dick Mueller, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Dr. Don Fiesenger, Dean of College of Science, and Dr. John Takamoto, Department Head of Biology, Utah State University, distributed a letter "RE: Transfer agreement between Utah State University and Salt Lake Community College." They indicated that the university is fully supportive of the creation of a four-year biotechnology program.

Ms. Kim Wirthlin, Vice President for Government Relations, University of Utah, indicated that the current Medical Laboratory Technologist Program provides the research and training needs that the biotechnology program is proposed to provide. She stated that the university is lacking a masters program in this area and that creation of a graduate degree in this area would be a greater service for the University of Utah to provide.

4. How Technology Is Used To Deliver Public Education

Mr. Siddoway, Principal, Utah Electronic High School, distributed and presented "The Electronic High School: A new horizon in education."

5. Other Items / Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Novell Campus in Provo.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.